

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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Welcome To The Village of Friendship Heights

Designation: The Special Tax District known as the Village of Friendship Heights was created by the Maryland State Legislature in 1914 as a special unit of government and was originally named the Villages of Friendship Heights and The Hills.

Location: The thirty-two acre Village is pie-shaped with the tip being the 4701 Willard Apts. on Willard Avenue, extending eastward to Wisconsin Avenue, then north including the buildings on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue up to and including the Chevy Chase Office Building.

Governance: The Friendship Heights Village Council is a seven-member body elected every two years by the voters of the Village as its governing body. The Council ordinarily meets the second Monday of each month in public session in the Village Center.

Taxes: The Council is empowered to levy a property tax of up to \$.10 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation. The current property tax rate is \$.04 cents. In addition to the property tax, additional revenues are received from the State and Montgomery County.

Services: Among the services which are provided from these tax monies are street lighting, street maintenance, storm drain maintenance, snow removal, shuttle bus service, grocery delivery for infirm individuals, and security patrol.

Village Center: The Friendship Heights Village Center located at 4433 South Park Avenue houses the municipal offices of the Village as well as facilities for recreational, educational, cultural, civic activities, and health services. Montgomery County offers special programs for senior citizens but the needs and interests of all age groups are a major part of the Center's programming. The building is available for rental to private citizens and groups.

Parks: The Village owns and maintains three parks for the enjoyment and use of all residents and visitors. Hubert H. Humphrey Friendship Park is located immediately in front of the Village Center. William Tyler Page Park is located on North Park Ave. between 4701 Willard Apts. and 4615 North Park. Willoughby Park is located at the corner of Willard Ave. and Friendship Boulevard next to The Willoughby condominium. Trash receptacles are provided for litter. Pet owners are expected to abide by County and Village ordinances requiring that animals not eliminate waste on public property.